

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING OF AUGUST 20, 2013
HARMONY HALL

PRESENT – Cathy Richardson, Chairperson, Joseph DiRocco, Jr., Vice Chair, Robert O. Cox, John J. Zimini, and Tony Archinski. Attorney James A. Hall and Samantha Carver, Recording Secretary.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by the Chairman.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

WARRANT – Motion by Mr. DiRocco and seconded by Mr. Cox, it was unanimously voted to approve.

Attorney Hall was asked about the procedure from this point if a new manager is named. Attorney Hall stated that once the Board makes their selection they would enter into an executive session and begin to negotiate a contract for new manager.

Mr. Cox asked about whether the Board should rank the candidates. Attorney Hall explained to the Board how he has handled this in the past and recommended the Board not do that.

Mr. Zimini stated he made some phone calls and did some research on the candidates and did not feel the Board should rank the candidates.

Attorney Hall questioned how the agenda was written and whether it was properly worded for open meeting law requirements. In order for the Board to vote on a candidate tonight Attorney Hall stated that the agenda should be written for that action.

Ms. Richardson stated that when they talked about this at the last meeting she thought this was going to be more of a work session where they were going to narrow the candidates down to two and then talk about possible site visits to those communities.

Mr. Archinski stated he did his own research on the candidates and watched the interviews again and is ready to vote.

Attorney Hall stated he has not analyzed the open meeting law however feels that the agenda wording should state to take a vote for a manager and he is recommending that the Board put this off to their next meeting.

Mr. DiRocco questioned going into executive session to discuss a contract without voting on a person for the position. There was a discussion on beginning the process of the contract negotiation without putting a name to it.

There was a discussion on whether a second interview would be warranted. Mr. Cox stated he didn't feel the need to have a second interview.

Mr. Zimini made a motion to schedule a Selectmen meeting for August 27, 2013 to vote for a new Town Manager and then go into an executive session to negotiate a contract. Mr. DiRocco seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Zimini made a motion to go into executive session at 7:26 p.m. to start the contract negotiation process. Mr. DiRocco seconded the motion. By roll call vote: Mr. Cox – yes, Mr. DiRocco – yes, Mr. Archinski – yes, Mr. Zimini – yes and Ms. Richardson – yes.

Mr. Zimini made a motion to come out of executive session at 8:03 and adjourn the meeting. Mr. Cox seconded the motion. By roll call vote: Mr. Cox – yes, Mr. DiRocco – yes, Mr. Archinski – yes, Mr. Zimini – yes, and Ms. Richardson – yes.

Mr. Zimini made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. Mr. DiRocco seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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